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Subject: Blythe Energy Project, Proposed Gas Pipeline Interconnections, Riverside County

Dear Mr. Holt:

In accordance with 36 CFR 800, implementing regulations for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), requested my views on its determination of the undertaking's Area of Potential Effect.

It is my understanding that WAPA has determined that the undertaking will be on private land near the City of Blythe, Riverside County. An electrical generation plant site will be developed with routes for natural gas pipelines. These areas were depicted on WAPA's map identified as "Blythe Energy Project (Figure 1.0-9)". In accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(a)(1), I do not object to the WAPA's determination of the APE for the cited undertaking.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Steven Grantham at (916) 653-8920.

Sincerely,

Daniel Abeyta, Acting
State Historic Preservation Officer